

WEDNESDAY, JULY 9, 2003

House Meets At...	Last Vote Predicted At...
10:00 a.m.: Legislative Business	8:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Unlimited "One Minutes"	

*** NOTE THAT THIS WEEK WE EXPECT IMPORTANT VOTES ON THE LABOR-HHS APPROPRIATIONS BILL. ATTENDANCE IS CRITICAL. PLEASE NOTIFY THE DEMOCRATIC WHIP’S FLOOR STAFF IF YOU WILL BE ABSENT.

FLOOR SCHEDULE

The Suspension bills originally scheduled to be considered today (H.Con.Res. 80; H.Res. 194; H.Con.Res. 6; H.Con.Res. 208) have been pulled for the week.

- H.Res. 310 - Rule providing for consideration of H.R. 2211- Ready to Teach Act of 2003 (Rep. Myrick – Rules)
- H.R. 438 - Teacher Recruitment and Retention Act of 2003 (Rep. Wilson {SC} - Education & Workforce) (Subject to a Rule)
- H.R. 2211 - Ready to Teach Act of 2003 (Rep. Gingrey - Education & Workforce) (Subject to a Rule)
- H.Res. 312 – Rule providing for consideration of H.R. 2660 – Department of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2004 (Rep. Pryce – Rules)
- H.R. 2657 - Fiscal Year 2004 Legislative Branch Appropriations Act (Rep. Kingston - Appropriations) (Subject to a Rule)

BILL SUMMARY AND KEY ISSUES

- H.Res. 310 - Rule providing for consideration of H.R. 2211- Ready to Teach Act of 2003 (Rep. Myrick – Rules). The Rules Committee has recommended a structured rule that provides for one hour of general debate; waives all points of order against consideration of the bill; provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment; and provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The Rule also makes in order five amendments to be considered in the following order:
- **Gingrey (10 minutes).** Adds language to ensure that teachers are able to understand scientifically based research and its applicability; requires partnership grant applications to contain a certification from the partner local educational agency stating that it will “directly benefit” from the proposed grant activities; ensures that partnership grant funds are used only to supplement, not supplant, other federal, State, and local funds that would otherwise be used for teacher preparation activities, and requires States to include average raw score data in their reports.

➤ **Millender-McDonald (10 minutes).** Amends the applications used regarding partnerships by requiring the following additional information be provided concerning: well-designed clinical practice to develop effective teaching skills; entry-level teaching support in mentored induction programs for teachers; and ongoing assessment of teacher preparation effectiveness that can be used to improve teacher preparation programs.

➤ **Honda (10 minutes).** Provides for “Mentoring Programs” under allowable uses for Partnership Grants under section 203. Such programs would: establish and implement minimum qualifications for mentors; provide training an stipends for mentors; provide mentoring programs for teachers in their first three years of teaching; provide regular and ongoing opportunities for mentors and mentees to observe each other’s teaching methods in classroom settings during the school day; establishes an evaluation and accountability plan for activities; report to the Secretary on an annual basis regarding the partnership’s progress.

➤ **Baca (10 minutes).** Allows uses of funds to train teachers to use supplemental multilingual computer software to train teachers to teach limited English proficient students.

➤ **Meeks (10 minutes).** Inserts language that provides grants to educational entities that choose to conduct outreach and coordination services with inner-city and rural secondary schools. This partnership, between education entities and inner-city and rural secondary schools, will focus on encouraging students in these schools to pursue teaching as a career.



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H.R. 438 - Teacher Recruitment and Retention Act of 2003 (Rep. Wilson {SC} - Education & Workforce) (Subject to a Rule). This bill increases from \$5000 to \$17,500 the total amount of student loans that could be forgiven for elementary and secondary school teachers of math, science, or special education teachers in Title I schools. This bill was reported out of the Education and the Workforce Committee by voice vote on June 26. The Rules Committee has recommended a modified closed rule that provides for one hour of general debate; waives all points of order against consideration of the bill; provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment; and provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The Rule also makes in order one amendment debatable for 10 minutes to be offered by Rep. George Miller or his designee:

- **Miller, George (CA)/Boehner (10 minutes).** Expands teacher eligibility for \$17,500 in loan forgiveness to reading teachers who have obtained a separate State credential in reading.

H.R. 2211 - Ready to Teach Act of 2003 (Rep. Gingrey - Education & Workforce) (Subject to a Rule). This bill authorizes through FY08 programs intended to improve teacher quality and preparation. This bill also authorizes a new \$10 million grant program to recruit minorities into the teaching profession and \$300 million for FY04 for grants to improve teacher quality and teacher recruitment. This bill was reported out of the Education and the Workforce Committee by voice vote on June 26.

H.Res. 312 – Rule providing for consideration of H.R. 2660 – Department of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2004 (Rep. Pryce – Rules). The Rules Committee has recommended an open rule that waives all points of order against consideration of the bill; provides that general debate shall be confined to the bill; authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record; and provides one motion to recommit.

Under the rule, Democratic amendments that require waivers are not made in order including two amendments by Ranking Member Obey. One would have restored critical funding to the many areas this Republican bill short-changes (education; health care; efforts to combat the threat of bioterrorism; biomedical research; Low Income Home Energy Assistance (LIHEAP); Social Security; programs for the elderly; and programs for the disabled), and the other would restore cuts to states for their child health care programs under Medicaid and SCHIP (the State Child Health Insurance Program). Each of these amendments would have been paid for by a small percentage of the recent tax break for Americans making over \$1 million a year.

H.R. 2657 - Fiscal Year 2004 Legislative Branch Appropriations Act (Rep. Kingston - Appropriations) (Subject to a Rule). This bill provides \$2.7 billion in new appropriations for the legislative branch in FY 04 (this is \$34 million less than FY03 funding). This bill includes \$1 billion for the operation of the U.S. House of Representatives. In addition, this bill provides \$1.7 billion for other agencies and offices that support congressional operations including: the Capitol Police (\$212 million); the Architect of the Capitol (\$295 million); the Congressional Budget Office (\$34 million); the Library of Congress (\$523 million); the General Accounting Office (\$459 million); and the Government Printing Office (\$131 million).

The Rules Committee has recommended a closed rule that provides for one hour of general debate; waives all points of order against consideration of the bill; allows no amendments; and provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

Daily Quote...

"[Lawmakers] also must design a plan that will work. . . . And that in turn gives the industry tremendous leverage. At this critical stage in the negotiating process, many private companies appear to be holding out for any number of changes in a final Medicare reform bill."

-Los Angeles Times' story today ("Industry Using Its Leverage in Medicare Debate")